

Claims:

1. A method for reducing the incidence or severity of vestibular side effects resulting from the treatment of acne by the use of oral tetracycline antibiotics, comprising administering the oral tetracycline antibiotic in a slowly dissolving dosage form.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the oral tetracycline antibiotic is minocycline.
3. The method of claim 2, wherein the antibiotic dissolves at a rate no faster than 15 percent in 15 minutes, 35 percent in 30 minutes, 50 percent in 45 minutes and 80 percent in 60 minutes.
4. The method of the claim 2 wherein the antibiotic dissolves at a rate no faster than 20 percent in 15 minutes, 50 percent in 30 minutes, and 75 percent in 45 minutes.
5. The method of claim 2 wherein and the antibiotic dissolves at a rate no faster than 30 percent in 15 minutes, 60 percent in 30 minutes, and 75 percent in 45 minutes.
6. The method of the claim 2 wherein the antibiotic dissolves at a rate no faster than 35 percent in 15 minutes, 80 percent in 30 minutes, and one hundred percent in 45 minutes.
7. The method of claim 2, wherein the antibiotic dissolves at a rate within the range of 20 to 40 percent in 15 minutes, 50 to 80 percent in 30 minutes, 70 to 95 percent in 45 minutes and 95 to 100 percent in 60 minutes.
8. The method of the claim 2 wherein the antibiotic dissolves at a rate within the range of 25 to 35 percent in 15 minutes, 60 to 80 percent in 30 minutes, and 80 to 100 percent in 45 minutes.

9. The method of claim 2 wherein and the antibiotic dissolves at a rate within the range of 30 to 35 percent in 15 minutes, 65 to 75 percent in 30 minutes, and 90 to 100 percent in 45 minutes.

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